- Film weeks and festivals are held on reciprocal basis with various countries.
- Audiovisual co-production agreements with other coutnries are being explored to expand avenues of finances and markets for the Indian film industry.
- The Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector set up to suggest a policy framework for the film industry has recommended reduction of entertainment tax; steps to counter piracy in the film sector, measures to facilitate foreign film shooting in India etc.
- A Venture Capital Committee has been setup to suggest a strategy to facilitate the flow of venture capital into the sector.

(c) and (d) The Radio Broadcast Policy Committee in its Report has recommended upto 26% FDI in FM Broadcasting. The Report of the Committee has been referred to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India for recommendations.

Licenses for new channels

659. DR. T SUBBARAMIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of proposals are under Government's consideration for issuing license for operating new channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many out of them are with foreign collaboration and how many are without any collaboration;

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for delay in granting the licenses?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) As on date, 11 new proposals are under process for permission to uplink TV channels from India, the details of which are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(c) As per the applications, all the applicant companies have 100% Indian equity.

(d) No time frame can be indicated.

(e) All the cases are at various stages of scrutiny and no delay has been noticed in the process.

Statement

Details of new proposals for permission to uplink TV Channels

Sl.	Name of the Companies	Name of the Channels	Share holding/Equity	
			Indian	Foriegn
1.	Falak TV Ltd.	Falak TV &Al Hind TV	100%	—
2.	Seven Star Shopping Network Pvt. Ltd.	Seven Star	100%	—
3.	Twenty First Century News Room Productions Ltd.	CAT TV	100%	-
4.	Ekonkar Television Pvt. Ltd.	Ekonkar Television	100%	—
5.	Total Telefilms Pvt.	TOTALTV	100%	—
6.	Enter 10 Television Pvt. Ltd.	Enter 10	100%	—
7.	Senior Media Limited	Senior 1 TV	100%	—
8.	KDM India Pvt. Ltd.	SHAKTI Entertainment	100%	—
9.	Amrita Enterprises Ltd.	AMRITA	100%	—
10.	Shalom Communication. Pvt. Ltd	Shalom Televison	100%	—
11.	Telugu Cinema. Entertainment Pvt. Ltd	Telugu Cinema	100%	—